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FILTERING A COLLECTION OF SAMPLES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A method of filtering a collection (COL) of input samples (Si), wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- distinguishing (DIS) between valid input samples (Si+) and non-valid input samples (Si-) on the basis of auxiliary data (AUX); and

- deriving (DER) filtered samples (So), which are associated with the valid input samples (Si+), exclusively on the basis of the valid samples (Si+).

2. (Currently Amended) A method of filtering as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method comprises the step of: a collection (COL) of samples (Si), wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- distinguishing (DIS) between valid samples (Si+) and non-valid samples (Si-) on the basis of auxiliary data (AUX); and

- deriving (DER) filtered samples (So), which are associated with the valid samples (Si+), exclusively on the basis